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SUBJ: STATUS OF NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL ON COD WAR

REF: OSLO 1163 AND PREVIOUS

1. ACTING ON INSTRUCTION OF FORMIN FRYDENLUND, EXTERNAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR VIBE BRIEFED ME MARCH 11 ON CURRENT STATUS OF NORWAY'S EFFORTS TO MEDIATE THE COD DISPUTE.
 2. VIBE SHOWED ME A CABLE FROM THE NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR IN REYKJAVIK REPORTING A CONVERSATION WHICH THEIR AMBASSADOR THERE HAD HAD WITH ICELAND'S FOREIGN MINISTER AGUSTSSON. ACCORDING TO THE CABLE AGUSTSSON INFORMED THE NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR THAT THE ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT WAS STILL HAVING INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE NEXT STEPS ON THE NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL. AGUSTSSON, THOUGH HE WAS NON-COMMITAL AS TO WHAT THE EVENTUAL ICELANDIC POSITION WOULD BE, WAS ALSO NOT RPT NOT NEGATIVE EITHER, AND THEREFORE THE NORWEGIANS CONSIDER THEIR DIPLOMATIC EFFORT STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE WHICH PLEASES FRYDENLUND.
 3. ALSO, ACCORDING TO THE NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR IN REYKJAVIK, THE ICELANDIC PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER DISAGREE ON HOW ANY FIRM ICELANDIC PROPOSAL WOULD BE MADE TO THE
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BRITISH IF THE ICELANDIC GOVERNMENT DECIDES THAT ONE SHOULD BE

MADE. THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD PREFER THAT ICELANDIC PROPOSAL
BE FORWARDED TO THE BRITISH THOUGH THE NORWEGIANS WHILE AGUSTSSON
APPARENTLY THINKS IT SHOULD BE SURFACED THROUGH NATO.

4. VIBE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD GIVEN THE LOCAL BRITISH AMBASSA-
DOR A COPY OF THE SAME REPORTING CABLE FROM THE NORWEGIAN EMBASSY
IN REYKJAVIK.
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